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MAYOR SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AMERICAN ELDERS

SEATTLE — Mayor Greg Nickels is looking for candidates to fill seven positions on the Mayor's Council on African American Elders, beginning in January, 2004. Council members are appointed by the Mayor to serve renewable two or three-year terms. Council members must reside in Seattle and be willing to serve without compensation.

"As Mayor, I want to foster a renewed commitment to our neighborhoods," Nickels said. "That means paying attention to the needs of elders in each community and responding to those needs in a meaningful way. I urge those with strong backgrounds in aging and disability issues, and a passion for supporting and involving the older members of our city, to consider this important work."

The 12-member Council advises City officials on policies, programs and services of benefit to older African Americans. The Council periodically conducts public forums to solicit public comment and provides formal and informal comment and recommendations to the Mayor.

Council members reflect a broad range of professional and community experience and perspectives and seek to maintain the diversity and strength of the Council. More specifically, the Mayor seeks candidates who are active in African American community affairs and have skills and experience in health care, fund development and public relations, and who have contacts in African American churches.

Participation on the Council requires a significant commitment. It includes attendance at monthly meetings (third Friday of each month) and participation on at least one sub-committee which meets monthly. Council members also attend and participate in relevant public meetings and events.

To be considered for appointment to the Council, please send a letter of interest and resume by December 5, 2003 addressed to Mayor Greg Nickels c/o:

Patricia McInturff, Director
Seattle Human Services Department
618 – 2nd Avenue, 6th Floor
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The Nickels Administration is committed to promoting diversity in the City's boards and commissions. Women, persons with disabilities, sexual minorities and persons of color are encouraged to apply.

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